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CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Currently Amended) An energy-absorbing barrier system, comprising:

a plurality of spaced-apart vertical metal pipes, each buried below a ground surface, leaving a portion exposed above ground;

two or more spaced-apart horizontal metal pipes interconnected to the vertical metal pipes creating at least one infill area; [[and]]

a material spanning the infill area which is operative to absorb at least a portion of the impact of an explosive blast;

a material spanning the infill area being fastened to the horizontal or vertical pipes with mounts that break away upon a predetermined force; and

a material spanning the infill area is tethered to one or more of the horizontal or vertical pipes to keep the material from uncontrolled travel upon impact.

2. (Original) The energy-absorbing barrier system of claim 1, wherein one or more of the pipes are filled with cement.

3. (Original) The energy-absorbing barrier system of claim 1, wherein the metal pipes are steel.

4. (Original) The energy-absorbing barrier system of claim 1, further including a plastic cover over one or more of the pipes.

5. (Withdrawn) The energy-absorbing barrier system of claim 1, wherein the material spanning the infill area is a fabric that deforms to absorb energy.

6. (Withdrawn) The energy-absorbing barrier system of claim 1, wherein the material spanning the infill area ruptures to absorb energy.

7. (Canceled)

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8. (Withdrawn) The energy-absorbing barrier system of claim 1, wherein the material spanning the infill area is hinged to a horizontal pipe to swing upon impact.

9. (Canceled)